

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 v.) CRIM. CASE NO. 2:21-cr-188-ECM
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 EDWARD ISIAH BRUCE, III)

The Act excludes, however, certain delays from the seventy-day period, including delays based on “findings that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.” 18 U.S.C. §

3161(h)(7)(A). In determining whether to grant a continuance under § 3161(h)(7), the court “shall consider,” among other factors, whether denial of a continuance would likely “result in a miscarriage of justice,” or “would deny counsel for the defendant . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.” § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), (iv).

Counsel for the Defendant represents to the Court that the Defendant has recently requested a mental evaluation at a BOP facility. The issue of the Defendant’s competency must be resolved before proceeding. In addition, counsel requires additional time to seek additional mental health records. Counsel also requires additional time to adequately advise the Defendant about his options. The United States does not oppose a continuance. After careful consideration, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting a continuance of this trial outweigh the best interest of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. Thus, for good cause, it is

ORDERED that the motion to continue (doc. 30) is GRANTED, and jury selection and trial are CONTINUED from October 4, 2021 to the criminal term of court set to commence on February 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in Montgomery, Alabama. All deadlines tied to the trial date are adjusted accordingly.

The United States Magistrate Judge shall conduct a pretrial conference prior to the February trial term.

Done this 20th day of September, 2021.

/s/Emily C. Marks
EMILY C. MARKS
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE